

SENATOR NEWELL: I rise to oppose the amendment. The amendment was brought to me during the time that the Revenue Committee was meeting. Lincoln wanted to be exempted. I think if Lincoln gets exempted Omaha should be exempted. I'm sure that Senator Cullan's concern is that Blair should be exempted. I think that Senator Burrows would certainly want to have Beatrice exempted. Come on, Bill, cooperate. Anselmo would not want to be exempted, I'm sure. I think what is good for one is good for all. I think if this Lincoln amendment gets on that Nebraska has a number of other cities, I don't know how many exactly, probably over 500 villages and cities and so forth. I think that we all ought to come tiptoeing up there and ask to be exempted. I know that my home town, originally Bancroft, Nebraska, I'm sure that they'd want to be exempted. Senator Hasebroock said that West Point would want to be exempted. I think we could work it out. Fall City. I think we could work it out to where everybody would be exempted, and this would be the kind of bill it ought to be in the first place. I would oppose special treatment for Lincoln. Thank you.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Lewis please.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I certainly would oppose this. I, too, visited with the people from the City of Lincoln. I think it is very clearly spelled out in Section 7 they provide a budget for operating and maintenance. I think this, plus the Koch amendment, is all the latitude that Omaha, Lincoln, Bancroft, West Point, or anybody else needs. I would certainly oppose the amendment. I absolutely see no reason for it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, I just wanted to make clear what Senator Murphy is following up on right now. Other than that I just want to know whether or not the Court of Industrial Relations is a competent court, or whatever they call it?

SENATOR BARNETT: If you want to ask that question of Senator Fowler, he might have the answer by now.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. Would you say, for the record, whether it is or it isn't.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well Senator Barnett sent me out back, but there was no one to talk to. So it was a clever move to get me off the floor I think.

SENATOR NICHOL: Let's put it this way, Senator Fowler, in your opinion would it be one of these courts.... Would the Court of Industrial Relations be a court....

SENATOR FOWLER: If you're going to ask me if the court is competent, I'm not going to touch that.

SENATOR NICHOL: No, I surely didn't want to ask you that. What I wanted you to know is do you consider the Court of Industrial Relations a competent jurisdiction court?

SENATOR FOWLER: I would think it is, but it is really a legal..."court of competent jurisdiction" is a legal phrase. I would not profess to give a legal opinion.